



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

At its meeting held July 8, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“This year approximately \$178 million will be disbursed to California under the Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to help meet new Federal voting requirements, including the elimination of election systems based on punch-card ballots.

“A portion of these Federal HAVA funds are allocated to Counties under California’s HAVA Preliminary State Plan, a draft of which was issued for comment on June 17, 2003 by California’s Secretary of State. However, the Secretary of State issued the financial component of this preliminary plan without consulting the Secretary’s 24-member Advisory Committee (which includes Los Angeles County’s Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk). The plan as drafted proposes a formula that leaves Los Angeles County up to \$32.1 million short of the estimated \$100 million needed to purchase a replacement voting system.

“Other states’ plans propose allocating between 45-90% of their HAVA Title II funds for purchasing replacement voting systems. Yet California’s preliminary plan specifies a much lower percentage of Title II funds for this purpose at 10.3%. If the plan is finalized as currently proposed, Los Angeles County could receive as little as \$2.5 million in HAVA Title II funds for voting system upgrades.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Executive Officer of the Board was instructed to send a five-signature letter to the Secretary of State objecting to the financial component of the draft Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Preliminary State Plan as currently written, which could result in the County receiving as little as \$2.5 million in HAVA Title 11 funds for voting system upgrades; and requesting the Secretary of State to consult with his Advisory Committee, including the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, before the July 17, 2003 deadline to finalize the HAVA State Plan.

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Letter sent to:

- Secretary of State